

Remarks/Arguments

A. Status of the Claims

Claims 38-56 were pending at the time of the Restriction Requirement on June 23, 2006, claims 1-37 having been canceled in the Preliminary Amendment filed with the application. Claim 48 has been amended to incorporate therein the subject matter of claim 38 in an independent format. In view of this, claims 39, 42, and 43 have amended to depend from claim 48 rather than 38. Claim 49 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Claims 38 and 51-56 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, in view of the election of the Group II invention below. Therefore, claims 39-51 are pending.

B. Response to Restriction Requirement

In response to the restriction requirement which the Examiner imposed, Applicant elects, without traverse, the Group II invention, as exemplified by original claims 48-50, drawn to a method of vaccination employing an inactivated reverse transcriptase. In the Amendment submitted herewith, Applicant has rewritten claim 48 into an independent format incorporating the subject matter of previous claim 38, from which original claim 48 depended. In so doing, the subject matter of claims 39-47 has become dependent to claim 48, and all of current claims 39-51 should be examined as part of the Group II invention.

C. Conclusion

Applicant believes that this is a full and complete response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 23, 2006.

It is believed that no fee is due for filing this Response. However, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, consider this

paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee from Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/RIOS:004USC2.

Should the Examiner have any questions, comments, or suggestions relating to this case, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned Applicants' representative at (512) 536-3035.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MBL', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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